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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) the new programmes formulated or proposed to be formulated by the Government to promote small scale industries in the country particularly in rural areas;

(b) the details of the programmes launched by the Government to encourage the small scale industries and other industries in various SC/ST and backward castes dominated areas of the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): The Government has put in place several measures to help small scale industries which include special focus on areas such as technology upgradation, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management practices, use of electronic infrastructure and other IT applications, marketing assistance and timely information dissemination including sensitization of small industries to the emerging challenges of trade liberalisation. Policy programmes such as National Programme for Rural

Industrialisation (NPRI) with an objective to set up 100 rural clusters each year and Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana have been launched with special emphasis on the promotion of industry and self employment opportunities in rural and backward areas. A credit guarantee fund scheme has been announced to guarantee repayment of loans extended by banks up to Rs.10.00 lakhs without collaterals.

(c)&(d): The Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana, a scheme for educated unemployed youth has been extended to the rural areas also from 1994-95, under which 22.5% reservation for SC/ST beneficiaries and 27% for other backward classes has been provided.The Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Scheme is in operation to facilitate development of industries in backward areasA five year tax holiday to new undertakings including small scale units set up in industrially backward districts has been extended up to 31.3.2002 by the Union Budget 2000-01.